

Anne Pitre announced as Hancock County Chamber's marketing mgr.



Anne Pitre

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Hancock Co., Miss. Jan. 11, 2019 – Anne Pitre has been named Marketing Manager for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

A veteran of the public relations and marketing professions, Pitre has over a decade of experience and has won multiple awards for campaigns she has helped spear-head. She has held PR positions with Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, City of Pascagoula, City of Ocean Springs and The University of Southern Mississippi.

Pitre earned an MBA in Economic Development from The University of Southern Mississippi in

2018 and Bachelor's degrees in International Studies and French from the University of Mississippi in 2007. She is an active member of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and has served as Gulf Coast Chapter President in 2017.

"Anne brings a great deal of experience to our organization, and we are looking forward to introducing her to the community," said Tish Williams, Executive Director. "She has strong skills in social media marketing that will be a tremendous asset to the Chamber, our member businesses and the communities we serve."

Pitre began her new position with the Hancock Chamber on Jan. 7th.

Hancock Chamber announces 2019 officers and board of directors

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Hancock Co., Miss. Jan. 11, 2019 – The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the results of the election for new members of the Board of Directors and the 2019 Officers:

President: Nikki Moon, Bay Town Inn
Vice-President: Jason J. Chiniche, James J. Chiniche Engineering & Surveying
Secretary/Executive Director: Tish H. Williams, Hancock Chamber of Commerce
Treasurer: Rea Montjoy, CPA, Select Administrative Services
Officer: Regan Kane, John

McDonald Realty

Past President: Stephen Schruff, Mississippi Company

Five members of the Chamber were elected to serve a three year term through 2021:

Chris Cochran, S & L Office Supplies and Printing

Kevin Estrade, Keesler Federal Credit Union

Alan Hodges, Ochsner Medical Center – Hancock

Patrick Martinez, Raymond James Financial Services

Angelyn Zeringue, SouthGroup Insurance Gulf Coast



Nikki Moon

About the Incoming President

Nikki Moon is the owner of the Bay Town Inn, a twelve room inn in Old Town Bay St. Louis. She grew up in Missouri and made her home in New Orleans and the Coast, working as the head of convention sales

for the New Orleans Convention & Visitors bureau. She has over 30 years of sales and marketing experience in the tourism industry.

And, has experience in coaching, training, accounting, web design, team mentoring, and writing.

Schmitt named Commodore of Bay-Waveland Yacht Club

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BWYC is pleased to announce the election of its new commodore and flag officers for 2019. The election took place at a special meeting of the Board of Governors which was held on November 28, 2018.

The newly elected flag officers are as follows: Eugene R. Schmitt Commodore;

John Baxter Vice Commodore; Mike Hansen Rear Commodore; Mrs. Margaret Gordon Taylor Secretary; and Commodore Camors C. "Chris" Roth Treasurer. The five BWYC flag officers are elected annually for a one year term in each position.

The twelve member BWYC Board of Governors include the following individuals: Kippy Chamberlain, Martha Heausler, Kathi Troendle, Jim Grieshaber.

Missy Breath Altese, Paul Benoit, Laurie Gex Frederickson,



Commodore Eugene Schmitt

Mike Hansen, Amy G. Kramer, George Riviere, Commodore John "Randy" Santa Cruz, and Commodore Chris Trapani. The BWYC General Manager is Ernest

LaRocca Jr. CCM CCE.

This winter Eugene Schmitt takes the helm as the 61th Commodore of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. He grew up in Pass Christian sailing Optimist 420's, Lasers, and Flying Scots sailboats. Commodore Schmitt is a graduate of St. Stanislaus where he was the sailing team captain. He was also Team Captain for the U.S. Naval Academy's sailing team where he earned All-American honors. Subsequently Eugene served as a Naval Officer aboard the USS Ticonderoga. After the Navy Eugene earned an M.B.A. from Tulane University Freeman School of Business. Schmitt has been a member of the BWYC since 2003. He sailed on the winning 2003 Mallory team with Zak Fanberg and Kippy Chamberlain, and has been a Lipton Regatta skipper and crew.

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OMC-Hancock to Host Flu Shot Event Monday

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Bay St. Louis, Miss. – Ochsner Medical Center-Hancock will host a flu shot event on Monday, January 14, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 149 Drinkwater Boulevard inside the hospital main entrance.

The flu vaccine will be provided by licensed nurses for \$25 self-pay and is covered by most insurances. No appointment is needed to attend the event.

“We often cross paths with people that may be at higher risk of getting or spreading the flu,” said Mark Morgan, M.D., chief of the medical staff, OMC-Hancock. “Protecting the health and well-being of our family, friends and co-workers is a responsibility shared by everyone. The best way to receive this protection is to get the flu vaccine (shot) every year.”

Who should get the flu shot?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

If you are age 65 or older, make sure to request the High-Dose vaccine which is specifically designed for seniors who often have weaker immune defenses.

If you have an egg allergy, an egg-free flu vaccine is available, but this vaccine should be received in a medical setting and be supervised by a health care provider.

It takes up to 14 days after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body. For this reason, getting the shot later can still be beneficial, and vaccination can occur throughout flu season, even into January or later.

Since 2010, CDC estimates that flu has resulted in between 140,000 and 960,000 hospitalizations each year. CDC estimates that from 2010-2011 to 2017-2018, influenza-associated deaths in the United States ranged from a low of 12,000 (during 2011-2012) to a high of 79,000 (during 2017-2018).

Flu Shot FACTS

You can’t get the flu from the flu shot. The shot contains a “dead” (inactive) virus that will not come back to life. There is no such thing as the zom-

bie flu!

Make sure you receive the quadrivalent flu vaccine. It is designed to protect against four different flu viruses; two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.

It’s possible to get the flu even if you received the shot. However, in most cases, the symptoms are usually milder compared to people who didn’t receive the shot.

There is no medical evidence to support the theory that if you’ve never gotten the flu then you shouldn’t get the flu shot.

For more information, visit the CDC flu website.

Ochsner Health System and Hancock County entered into a long-term lease agreement in April 2018 to operate Hancock Medical Center, expanding upon the strategic partnership the two organizations created in 2013. Now Ochsner Medical Center-Hancock, the hospital is expanding services and improving the quality and coordination of care, transforming the healthcare delivered to patients in the Gulf Coast region. For more information, please visit www.ochsner.org/hancock. About Ochsner Health

System

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PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE INCREASE FOR CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD RESIDENTS

Public notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Mississippi, the City of Diamondhead Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on its proposed increase to the solid waste collection fees. The proposed annual fee will increase from \$126.48 to \$174.48 per household. The proposed \$48 annual increase represents a 38% increase and will become effective April 1, 2019. The FY19 Budget for Solid Waste Collections currently projects revenue of \$462,000 and the proposed increase will generate an estimated \$53,608 or 12% in additional revenue for a total estimated FY19 Solid Waste Revenue of \$515,608. The proposed fee is necessary because the City has not increased this fee since 2013. Since 2013, there has been an annual CPI increase of 2.5% on average; the cost of bulky waste was added in 2017; and curbside recycling was added in 2018. In order to maintain the same level of services for our residents, this increase is required. All citizens of the City of Diamondhead are invited to attend this public hearing and City Council meeting and will be afforded the opportunity to speak for a reasonable amount of time and to offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken on the proposed solid waste collection fee increase.

Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

Hancock County School District announces a no tax increase \$16.5 million bond proposal

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Hancock County School District (HCSD) has announced a \$16.5 million-dollar bond proposal. This proposed bond will require no tax increase to Hancock County residents. The school bond proposal resolution was passed with a unanimous vote at the school board meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019. “This school bond proposal is not only about our current needs, but also the future needs of our students and schools,” Superintendent, Alan Dedeaux stated.

The school bond proposal that voters will consider in March, will cover a variety of projects that include safety and security upgrades, a new multi-purpose field house at the high school, and other infrastructure improvements. Hancock High School was opened in 1990, and the Hancock Career Technical Center in 1974. These two campuses are the two oldest in the district and are in need of many upgrades and repairs. “Our students deserve nice facilities, but nice facilities are also important in hiring and retaining the best and brightest teachers for our students. Facilities, infrastructure, technology, and transportation, they all work together to give our students a strong educational experience,” Dedeaux explained.

The proposed projects include:
Elementary:
Upgrades and maintenance of playgrounds on all four elementary campuses
Hancock Middle School
The addition of dressing/locker rooms to gym
Hancock High School
Renovation of all restrooms
Upgrade of life safety systems (fire alarms, etc.)
Redesign of the ceiling in the commons area for energy efficiency
Gym renovations, including lighting,

restrooms, concession area, and new entrance

New multi-purpose field house
Football field area renovations including new restrooms, concession area and enhanced security entrance
Improved night lighting in the sports complex area
Additional security cameras at the sports complex area
Remodel of weight room area in gym for both boys and girls
Drainage work
HVAC and lighting improvements
Career Technical Center
Upgrade of electrical
New flooring in F Building
New gutters on G Building
Drainage work
Performing Arts Center
Addition of 4 new classrooms
Transportation
Ten new buses
District Office
New District Administration Building
With graduation and other large district events being held at the football stadium,

the proposed projects in the sports complex area will not only benefit the sports programs, but also district events held at the stadium. “We are pleased that this bond proposal will NOT require a tax increase to the residents of Hancock County. Our district has great pride in the community support we have received in the past and continue to receive from our parents, business partners, and community members. We are counting on our community and the residents of Hancock County to support this bond issue and help us create up-to-date, more secure facilities for our students, faculty, staff and for the entire community,” Dedeaux stated.

The bond issue is set for March however a specific date has not been determined at this time.

MS Power customers to receive more than four dollars off bills

SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Power residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity per month will see an average savings of \$4.14 on their total monthly bill, according to a press release issued by the company on Thursday. “The Public Service

Commission today approved the company’s annual fuel filing, reducing the fuel portion of customers’ bills by three percent,” according to the release.

“The commission’s approval of our annual fuel filing allows us to deliver savings to our customers, beginning in their February bills,” said Mississippi

Power President and CEO Anthony Wilson. “Mississippi Power will continue to take advantage of lower fuel costs – and reliably and efficiently operate our generating units – to benefit our customers.”

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real estate background that includes portfolio asset management oversight,

portfolio leasing expertise, and direct involvement of over \$ 250M in development. He is a founding partner and Director of Asset Management for New Orleans based Urban Properties which is a full-

service commercial real estate company focused on development and brokerage.

Commodore Schmitt currently lives in New Orleans with his wife, Theresa, and son, Keegan.

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Chronic Wasting Disease, A Four-Part Series

Almost a year ago, January 25, 2018, in Issaquena County, Mississippi, a 4.5 year old male, white-tailed deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). This is the first time an animal in Mississippi has tested positive for the disease, which is fatal to white-tailed deer. The disease has since been found in Pontotoc and Marshall counties. This article, the first in a four-part series, will give you a closer look at CWD. It will touch on the various challenges posed by this disease and begin to update you about the status of CWD and what we know about it.

CWD is an infectious prion disease that occurs in at least five cervid species. Cervids are hoofed mammals in the deer family. The native North American cervid species in which CWD has been found are the white-tailed deer, mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, moose, and caribou. CWD belongs to a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Mad cow disease, although distinctly different from CWD, is also a TSE. CWD causes a characteristic spongy degeneration of the brain resulting in loss of appetite, loss of weight, an insatiable thirst, abnormal behavior, loss of body functions, and death. Deer infected with CWD tend to stay away from herds, walk in patterns, carry their head low, salivate, and grind their teeth. Despite its likely occurrence in multiple locations since the 1960s or earlier, many wildlife and animal health professionals, as well as the public, perceive CWD as having emerged and spread rapidly only since the early 2000s. This perception has fostered the broader notion that the disease is a recent occurrence. To the contrary, given imperfect surveillance approaches, incomplete or inaccurate knowledge about local exposure risks, and the progression of an outbreak in its early stages, the first case detected in a locale is rarely the first case that has occurred.

CWD history remains incompletely documented; it was first recognized in captive mule deer held for research in Colorado in the 1960s. CWD has been reported in captive and/or free-ranging deer in 26 U.S. states, 3 Canadian provinces, South Korea, and Norway. Natural and human controlled factors have contributed to the geographic spread and persistence of CWD. Natural factors include CWD prions' environmental persistence and the movement of wild deer. Human factors include movement of infected live animals (and perhaps infectious tissues and other materials), concentration of normally dispersed wild deer, and other artificial management practices.

Many facets of CWD biology and ecology are now well understood, but effective management and control strategies remain incomplete. Eradicating CWD will not be easily done. Regardless, flexible and responsive approaches for containing it and reducing infection and transmission rates have shown some promise. Such pursuits undoubtedly will be more difficult to obtain support

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Conservation Corner

by **James L. Cummins**

Wildlife Mississippi

Wicker Begins Term as Chairman of Senate Commerce Committee

Committee Policies Have a Big Impact on Mississippians

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is one of the most important in Congress. With jurisdiction over most of the legislation that falls within the Constitution's "commerce clause," the committee oversees a wide variety of issues affecting our economy including telecommunications, the Internet, roads, ports, railways, airports, the Coast Guard, the oceans, and even space.

After many years serving as a member of this committee, I have the great honor of being its chairman for the current Congress. The role will allow me to have a greater impact on national issues that are important to our state and to prioritize legislative solutions for our citizens.

Rural Broadband is one of President Trump's top priorities for this Congress is to pass a major infrastructure improvement bill. The committee will have an important role in that effort, but in today's world, the flow of goods and people extends far beyond the rivers, roads,



From the Senate

by **Roger Wicker**
U.S. Senator

and railway lines that connect us. The reach of the internet has become increasingly vital to economic activity. Before becoming full committee chairman, I chaired the subcommittee that oversees communications issues, where I worked to promote the broadband development that our rural communities need. These rural areas, which encompass most of our state, should be just as connected as their urban counterparts.

We still have work to do, and expanding connectivity is only part of the

equation. The committee also has the crucial task of working to ensure that consumers are protected when using the internet's many applications and services.

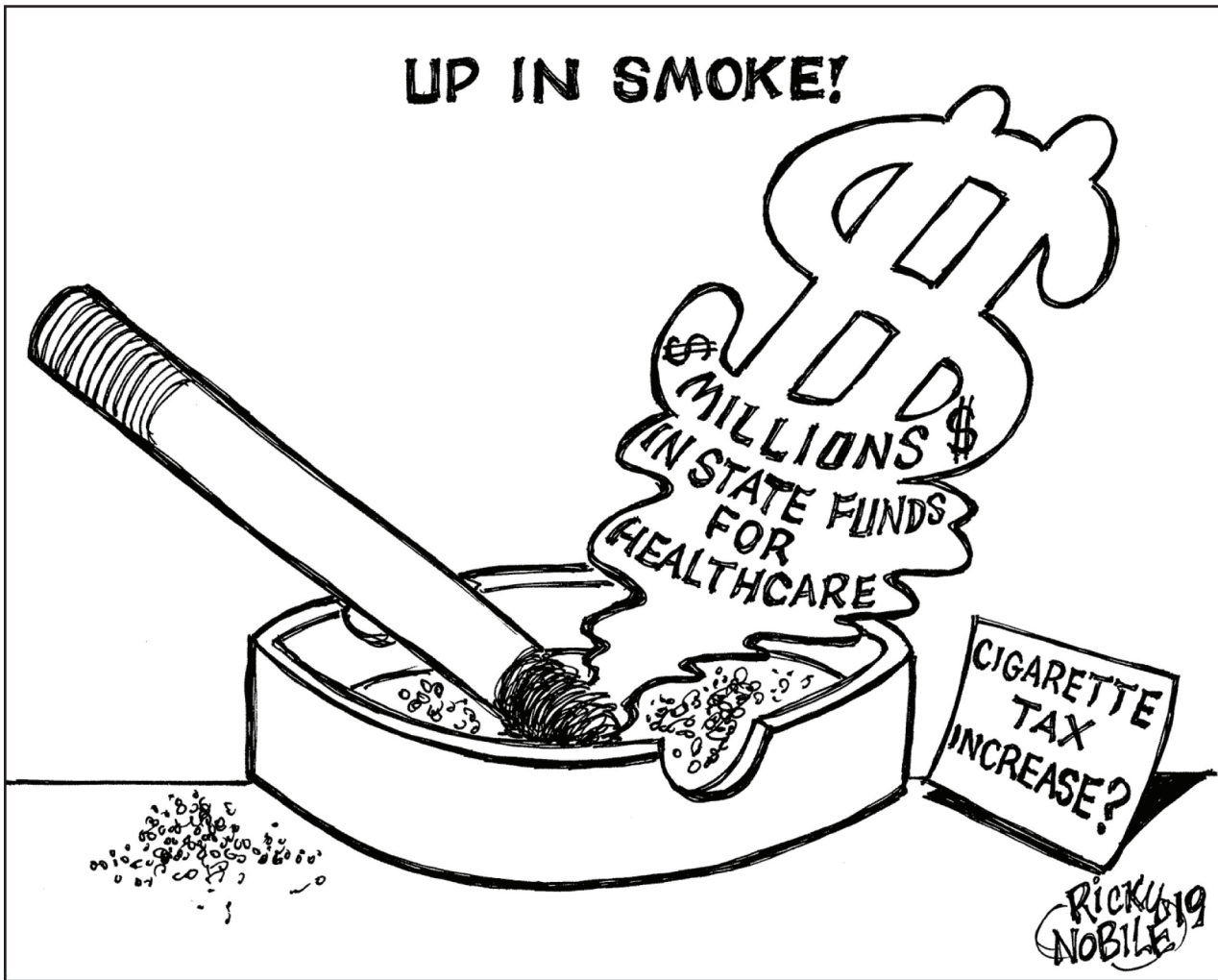
Supporting the Gulf Coast Economy

Gulf of Mexico issues also play a prominent role on the Commerce Committee's agenda. Many Mississippians' livelihoods depend on the health of our fisheries and the maritime trade facilitated by our coastline. I am an advocate for innovative approaches like aquaculture to strengthen our seafood production, as well as the use of unmanned maritime technology to learn more about Gulf's rich resources. The missions of the Coast Guard, which is overseen by the committee, are instrumental in protecting these resources. These service members not only help stop drugs from reaching our ports, but they also patrol our coasts for vessels seeking to take fish from the Gulf illegally.

Space Exploration Policies from the Commerce Committee reach far into outer space,

with the authorization of NASA projects that will keep America competitive in the final frontier. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County is NASA's largest facility for testing rocket engines and has been part of our space history since before the moon landing. I look forward to seeing how this facility will continue to be used to push the boundaries of human knowledge and space exploration. Closer to earth, the committee oversees the satellites that are overwhelmingly responsible for the data in our weather forecasts. These accurate forecasts can protect lives and property under threat of natural disasters, including the extreme flooding, hurricanes, and tornadoes that occasionally jeopardize Mississippi communities.

I feel fortunate to have been chosen by my colleagues for this leadership position on the committee, and I am excited to get to work. Our legislative agenda promises not only to impact our nation's economic growth but also shape our state's contributions to this success.



Our state depends on its small businesses

Dear Editor,

Mississippi depends on successful small businesses to build stronger communities. From flower shops to barber shops and restaurants to furniture stores and drug stores, all of them need reliable and affordable utility service to stay in business. Did you know that our state's electric and gas companies offer small business incentives to help companies of all sizes save money on their utility bills? Some examples are replacing older light bulbs with newer ones which use less electricity while lowering the temperature in the room and/or offering your business a rebate when you upgrade a gas stove or oven to newer models.

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UPDATE: RV fire at welcome center exacerbated by ammo inside vehicle

BY STACEY CATO
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An RV burst into flames at the parking lot of the Hancock County I-10 Welcome Center on Tuesday afternoon, challenging Hancock County fire fighters since it contained guns and ammunition. The fire was reported at around 2:15 p.m. Tuesday.

First-responders moved people in the area back from the fire and temporarily closed down the roadway leading into the welcome center. West Hancock Fire Chief Glenn Sigur said the owners of the recreational vehicle had pulled over at the welcome center to take a break. While using the stove inside, the couple noticed smoke coming from behind the refrigerator.

The couple's quick thinking to unlock the trailer from their pickup truck helped save firefighters from the worry of two filled propane tanks that fueled the RV, Sigur said; however, firemen were still tasked with battling and an added risk that made the fire even more dangerous. "There was lots of ammo inside," said Sigur. "A few guns were also

onboard." Firefighters quickly and safely extinguished the flames and officials said no injuries were reported. West Hancock Fire & Rescue was the first department on the scene. The Bayside Fire Department, as well as NASA's Fire Department, assisted in battling the blaze. The incident is still under investigation

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Favre was appointed to the bench in December 2017, and was officially elected to the position last year, running unopposed. "I think we're all clicking on all cylinders now," Favre said. "We have a lot of different folks at a lot of different agencies looking at all of these cases and I think we're getting it right. "We've had a low recidivism rate. We're returned a lot of children to their parents and they've been fine. Of course, we've had a few children come back into the system, but it's a low number. One thing that's amazing

to me is that we have a lot of resources here in Hancock County. We hear about all the problems in the courts, but we have a lot more resources here than people may think. "If a parent is willing to do what they need to do, we can pretty much provide them with the resources they need. It was never more clear to me than this past November and December, during Thanksgiving and Christmas. This community really stepped up and provided what these children needed." Once a case is reported -- usually to CPS, Favre said -- three other agencies are involved from beginning to end as well, including his office, CASA and the Hancock County

Sheriff's Office. Friday's meeting was the first of several, Favre said. "This was the big one, we'll do these at least annually," he said, "but we'll have several other smaller meetings and training exercises throughout the year." To report a case of child abuse or neglect, you can call Hancock County CPS at 228-467-4565; Hancock County Youth Court at 467-7945; or any law enforcement agency; or call the Mississippi Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-222-8000. You can also file a report online at <https://www.mdcp.ms.gov/report-child-abuse-neglect/>.

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at least one of the three other bids submitted. The Hancock County Board of Supervisors will cover most of the cost of the new playground by reimbursing the city 100 percent of the bid, Smith said. About \$20,000 more is expected to be needed to finish the project, Smith said, and he will be seeking donations to help cover the remaining cost, which includes a new swing set

and picnic table. "The playground is in an area that has many low-income children," Smith said. "so I really want to help kind of create a safe haven for those living in the area to go and enjoy themselves." Another new addition the public can look forward to, officials said, is the city's new up-to-date modern technology, on multiple levels. "The city has been working hard to help improve in many areas," Ward 6 Councilman Josh DeSalvo said. "It's almost

as if we were living in the '80s." Officials said the city's new website is now streaming live city council meetings for those who may not be able to attend. The live stream features two types of viewing options. One is a split screen, allowing viewers to follow along with the digital agenda. The other is a full screen version. Not only are you able to watch the meetings live from the comfort of your home, officials said, but you can go back later and watch a video of any meet-

ings you may have missed. You can also click directly on the agenda to see a time stamp of the areas that interest you most, city leaders said. Proposals for new, more modern phone services were outlined and explained at Thursday's meeting and DeSalvo said the new IT tech company the city has hired has done a phenomenal job in helping to upgrade internet services. "It is better than ever," DeSalvo said.

Feeding the Gulf Coast assisting communities affected by the current partial government shutdown

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Entering the third week of the partial government shutdown, Feeding the Gulf Coast has begun to work with its community partners and agencies to identify and fill any gaps in the food supply. As 800,000 government employees are facing furlough or working without pay, Feeding the Gulf Coast would like to assure the communities it serves that it will continue to provide food assistance to anyone affected by the partial government shutdown, personal crisis, or disaster. "We are grateful for all of the hard-working federal employees who choose to call the Gulf Coast home. They invest in our community economically and philanthropically and we want to minimize the hardship for them in these uncertain times," says Cathy Pope, Feeding the Gulf Coast President & CEO.

coast.org/share-your-story/. About Feeding the Gulf Coast: Feeding the Gulf Coast, formerly Bay Area Food Bank, serves a 24-county area spanning south Alabama, south Mississippi and the Panhandle of Florida. In 2018, the food bank distributed over 22 million meals to over 400 church pantries, soup kitchens and other nonprofit organizations throughout its service area. The food bank also operates multiple hunger-relief and nutrition programs, including Summer Meals, Afterschool Meal, Backpack, Disaster Relief, Mobile Pantry and Produce Drop Distributions, Nutrition Education, and SNAP Outreach. Feeding the Gulf Coast is a United Way member agency and a member of Feeding America. For more information, visit www.feedingthegulfcoast.org.

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The company made its annual filing this past November, which reflected a decrease in fuel costs, driven primarily by lower natural gas prices. Each year the commission

adjusts Mississippi Power's prices up or down to reflect changes in the cost of fuel used by the company to generate electricity. Mississippi Power does not earn a profit on fuel costs, which is reflected dollar-for-dollar in customers' bills, the release said.

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for, particularly when disease control measures will negatively impact or conflict with commercial hunting. Moving forward, this wildlife disease merits great attention. Collective experiences and observations made over the last 5 decades can serve—for better or worse—as a solid foundation for wildlife and animal health professionals to build upon in addressing anticipated challenges posed by CWD in the decades to come. In the next three columns, I will present an overview of what professionals regard as the key lessons learned over the first 5 or more decades of North America's experience with CWD.



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JANET ROSE CROWTHER

On Jan 8,2019 Janet Rose Crowther passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her three surviving children. Charles Dulworth, Darlene Mitchell and Patricia Brown.

Janet was born in Old Mines, MO. Old Mines was a mining town that was settled by the French in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

She loved making holiday wreaths which were all hand made and sometimes would take days to make just one because she put her heart into her wreath making. She loved going to the casinos and playing the nickel machines and that is how she got her nickname Miss Nickels.

She was a very strong and loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, James Crowther her brother Oliver (Pete) Dulworth her two daugh-

ters Kathryn DeMent and Rhonda Crowther Lee.Janet will be dearly missed by her seven Grandchildren ,Keasha Graves, Corey Clark, Tabatha Heitzman, Jessica Schustz, Victoria Schustz, Ashley Christensen, Rachelle Butler.

Janet will be dearly missed by her 11 Great Grandchildren and her Nieces, Nephews and Great Nieces and Nephews. Mom you have left our lives but you will never leave our hearts.

There will be a grave side service held on Wed Jan 16, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Gardens of Memory 630 Central Ave. Bay St. Louis, Ms. 39520.



JOSEPH BERNARD DUTEIL, JR.

Joseph Bernard Duteil, Jr., age 93, passed away on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Mr. Duteil was a life resident of New Orleans and moved to Bay St. Louis, MS in 1994. He was a veteran of WWII, having served overseas with the Army Signal Corps in France, Germany and Austria, earning a battle star for the Ardennes campaign. He was a member of Post 139 American Legion and Post 3252 of the VFW. He was honored to be on flight four of the Honors Flight to Washington, DC. He retired as a transportation Manager from the New Orleans Public Schools and American Transit Corp. where he was Resident Manager of Gretna, LA, a member of R.S.V.P. and active in the



AARP Tax-Aide programs.

He is the husband of Shirley Hoffman Duteil, father of Gail Ann DeVasConCellos (Harry) of Bay St. Louis, MS and the late Dana Lyn Purdy (James) of Slidell, LA.; and also survived by 6 grandchildren, Jeffery J. DeVasConCellos (Mary) of Florence, SC, Brian E. De V a s C o n C e l l o s (Elizabeth) of Spring Lake, MI, Paul D. De V a s C o n C e l l o s (Danielle) of Richland, WA, Rachel Purdy Reis (Steve) of Tampa, FL, Adam P. Purdy (Tracy) of

Gulf Breeze, FL, Jason J. Purdy (Lauren) of Jacksonville, FL; and 9 great-grandchildren. His cousin, Arnold J. Schlottmann of Picayune, MS, was a close friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph B. Duteil Sr. & Lillian Caroline Piske Duteil; and his daughter, Dana Lyn Purdy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 12th at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis, where friends may visit one hour prior.

Mr. Duteil will be laid to rest in a private ceremony on Monday, January 14th at the Biloxi National Cemetery. RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, Pass Christian is serving the family and memories & photos may be shared at www.riemannfamily.com

REV. JEROME LEDOUX

The Rev. Jerome LeDoux died Monday in Lafayette General Hospital after double bypass surgery. He was 88.

Rev. LeDoux was born in Lake Charles in 1930. At the age of 13, he boarded a train bound for Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and St. Augustine Seminary, the only seminary in the nation that trained African-American men for the priesthood. On the way, he stopped in New Orleans to visit relatives and remembered being intrigued by the city's "hair-tingling, primal beat and rhythms."

After earning a college degree and years of spiritual formation, Fr. LeDoux was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1957 in the St. Augustine Seminary chapel. A few months later, his Society of the Divine Word superiors sent him to Rome for further education. While there, he received a doctoral degree in canon law and master's degree in sacred theology.

During his 61 years in ministry, the skilled communicator taught moral theology and canon law to seminarians, was a member of the Xavier University theology department for 11 years, wrote

a weekly, syndicated column, "Reflections on Life" for Catholic newspapers, the Sea Coast Echo and a few other weekly newspapers; and authored a book, "The War of the Pews," which detailed the historical and social significance of New Orleans' St. Augustine Church to a post-Hurricane Katrina audience.

Survivors include a sister and two brothers.

A Mass will be said at 6 p.m. Monday at Holy Ghost Church, 732 N. Union St., Opelousas, with viewing beforehand from 3 to 5:45 p.m. On Tuesday, there will be viewing from 5 to 6:45 p.m. and prayer service at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary, 199 Seminary Drive, in Bay St. Louis. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the seminary.



MARY AGNES NOTO

Mary Agnes Noto, 93, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Thursday, January 10, 2019 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was of the Catholic Faith and a life long resident of Bay St. Louis. Mary never drove but loved driving her riding lawnmower. She loved gardening, flowers and the outdoors. Mary and her late husband Tom were former owners of Noto Grocery Store.

She was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother who will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Noto; parents, Andrew R. and Irene Vassali Bourgeois; four brothers, Andrew Bourgeois, Leroy Bourgeois, Emile Bourgeois and Warren



Bourgeois; four sisters, Lucille Ellis, Mildrew Shaw, Pearl Ellis and Juanita Bourgeois; two son-in-laws, Dr. Louis L. Lynch and Clifton LaFontaine.

She is survived by her two daughters, Barbara LaFontaine of Bay St. Louis and Ann Lynch of Tampa, FL; six grandchildren, Louis Lynch, Jr. (Terry), Doris Stubblefield, Tommy LaFontaine (Pat), John Lynch (Jamie) Gwen Connery (John) and Kevin LaFontaine (Kelly); eleven great-grandchildren, Cameron Swaggerty (Matt), Dane Lynch

(Rachel), Katie Stubblefield, Tiffany Smith (Spencer), Tonya Sprouse (Kenneth) Harrison Lynch (Carley) Lauren LaFontaine, Dean Lynch, Jake Connery, Will Connery and Ava Connery; three great-great grandchildren, Abby Smith, Austin Swaggerty and Nolan Swaggerty and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Kindred Heart Hospice in Biloxi, MS.

Visitation will be held Monday, January 14, 2019 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 1:00 p.m.

Interment to follow at Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

JERRY P. "COONASS" SAUNDERS

Jerry P. "Coonass" Saunders, 55, gained his angel wings on Dec. 7, 2018.

Jerry was born in DeRidder, La., to Jerry "Arkansas" and Kay Blackwell on Jan. 17, 1963. He was a graduate of John Ehret High School.

He is the love and soul-mate of Lennie Applegate-Saunders, married on Jan. 1, 1998, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He worked as an electronic technician for 35 years. He was an avid ani-



mal lover who had a passion for rescuing cats, sailing and barbecuing with family.

Jerry is preceded in death by his mother, Kay; sister Carmen; brother Jimbo; and niece ReKay.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife

Lennie; four daughters, Kristin, Ashlee, Sabrina and Tiffany; son Rodney Necaise; goddaughter Haley; five grandchildren, Briannah, Colin, Jocelyn, André and Zoey; father Arkansas; lifelong friend and business partner Macho; Samantha, James and Grady, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Service is Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. Ann's Church on Lower Bay Rd. at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County.

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"Your money isn't going to administrative costs, it stays here and is given to people we know."

With relay funds, cancer patients receive wigs, rides to appointments, etc.

"I was fortunate enough not to need anything, but I did receive a makeover and wig," Ross said. "That's my promise, I hope to talk about their (Relay for Life) for the next 15 years or longer."

Ross said the recommended age is now 35 for getting mammograms. Ross added that most breast cancer is not inherited. One-in-five women are diagnosed, she said.

"Family history or not, people need to be proactive about exams at any age," she said.

Ross said that people can find information about breast self-examinations at breastcancer.org, or talk to their gynecologists or family doctors.

"It's good to teach people how to do it every month," she said. "If something changes, you're gonna know. Mine was a sore spot."

Some lumps feel like a rounded ill-defined object or some can be marble-sized, Ross said.

"If there's any question, you have to get it checked

out," she said. "Early detection is key. It's just wonderful to say I've made it this far."

Relay for Life of Hancock County event co-lead Bernie Cullen said this year's inaugural Dancing with the Relay Stars will feature participants from the county, some well-known and others not.

There will be solo, couples and group performances, she said. Participants range in age from their 20s to 70s.

There are about 10 to 12 acts scheduled and all will be competing for the top prizes, Cullen said. She added that there are surprises planned for the event and Beau Gex will serve as Emcee.

The dance floor will be located in the middle of the ballroom surrounded by tables, Cullen said.

"Dancing is a fun way to mix it up," she said. "People think of the race. Relay for Life is not a physical race, it's a virtual race to find a cure for cancer. This is one of the only events that addresses all types of cancer. It honors everybody."

In addition to rides and wigs, the American Cancer Society utilizes funds for research.

"Had my son been diagnosed with leukemia five years prior to his diagnosis, it would have been a different story," Cullen

said. "Because the medicine he did receive wasn't available prior and he would have had a much rougher time."

Dancing with the Relay Stars will be held at the Cypress Ballroom at the Hollywood Casino. The silent auction begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. with the the dance competition and an after party beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost of a single ticket is \$75 and \$700 for a table of 10, Cullen said.

Tickets for Dancing with the Relay Stars can be purchased by emailing Cullen at tcbbcullen@yahoo.com, through PayPal at paypal.me/berniecullen, and through Venmo at @bernadette-cullen-1.

Cullen said the Hollywood Casino is offering a room rate of \$89 with no resort fee. The code ACS0126 can be used when making online reservations through Jan. 17, she added.

The Relay for Life event is scheduled for May 4 from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Hollywood Casino's walking path. Hollywood Casino is located at 711 Hollywood Blvd., Bay St. Louis. The ballrooms are also booked in event of inclement weather, Cullen said.

Learn more about Relay for Life of Hancock at www.relayforlife.org/hancockms.

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Pirates split with Bay, Harrison Central sweeps Hancock

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The area high school basketball season is starting at a three-week period remaining in the regular season before the respective division basketball tournaments take place. The Division 8-4A tournament should take place at Bay

High while the Region 4-6A tournament should take place at Gulfport.

This past week division games marked the schedules. The Bay High Tigers (12-6, 5-0) topped the Pass Christian Pirates (3-15, 0-3) 63-51 while the Lady Pirates (18-1, 3-0) defeated the Lady Tigers (4-13, 1-3).

The Hancock Hawks tangled

with the Harrison Central Red Rebels in Region 4-6A action. The boys score has not been reported while the Lady Hawks (10-9, 0-2) fell to the Red Rebelettes 35-23.

The OLA Crescents (0-10) stumbled against North Forrest on Thursday evening 80-22.

The Rocks (6-13, 2-2) beat East Central 45-32 with Brandon

Bordelon scoring 16 points, Luke Ladner 15 and Dallas Payne had six points.

In upcoming action, the Bay High Tigers will travel to East Central on Tuesday, January 15th and host Moss Point on Friday, January 18th.

The Hancock Hawks host Gulfport on Tuesday and Harrison Central on Friday.

The Crescents will return to the court Monday when they travel to St. Patrick while the Pirates travel to Moss Point on Tuesday and host Vancleave on Friday.

The Rocks will travel to Vancleave on Tuesday and host East Central on Friday.

See you at the games!

Pearl River volleyball signs first 6 players in program history

SEA COAST ECHO

PEARL RIVERVILLE – Pearl River’s inaugural volleyball team is beginning to take shape.

Head coach Haley Chatham announced Friday the foundation for her program with the addition of six signees from some of the state’s powerhouse programs.

The first group of Lady Wildcat signees includes a trio of Hancock standouts in Maleah Austin, Harleigh LaFontaine and Isabella Theonnes, along with Vancleave’s Carly Danley, Germantown’s Madison Smith and Lewisburg’s Erin Sutton.

“I have had the opportunity to play against these girls and their teams ever since they were freshmen and even coached a couple in the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-Star Game last summer, so I really got to know them well,” Chatham said. “With the experiences I’ve had across the net from the girls, I know they’re all great players who have been well coached and come from outstanding club and high school programs.

“They all have winning pedigrees and have shown great leadership. I’m really excited to add them to our

program.”

MALEAH AUSTIN

Austin is an outside hitter whose elite athleticism has helped her stand out on the court.

“She has become a real explosive hitter over the last two years,” Chatham said. “She plays well all the way around the court and has a deadly serve; all three Hancock girls are great servers.

“She can really jump, too.”

CARLY DANLEY

Chatham is familiar with all six signees, but she has the most history with Danley, who was an integral part of the Lady Bulldogs’ dominance as reigning two-time State Champs.

“I was able to watch Carly become this awesome leader who takes care of everything over the last five years. She really took over the game and did that numerous times for me at Vancleave. She’s a great kid,” Chatham said of the 5-foot-9 rightside hitter. “Her quote is ‘life’s about helping everybody win,’ and she really took ownership of that.

“She got better by helping everyone else around her. She knows that’s important.”

In addition to being a special rightside hitter, Chatham said Danley is

also a great blocker.

HARLEIGH LAFONTAINE

LaFontaine is the second of three Hancock Hawks to sign with PRCC. As a setter, Chatham said she expects LaFontaine to be the quarterback of the team’s attack and really run the entire court.

“She’s a really dynamic setter and is able to set her hitters up for success. I’ve watched her do that year in and year out,” Chatham said. “She’s also really fun and energetic, so I expect her to bring that to the team as well.”

MADISON SMITH

At 6-foot-3, Smith will add plenty of size to PRCC’s first signing class. “I just fell in love with her from the moment I met her,” Chatham said of the middle blocker. “She’s so motivated with a lovely personality. She loves to play and learn about the game. She’s open to do whatever it is to get better and better.”

Not only will Smith be a key cog in the middle for the Lady Wildcats, Chatham said she’s dynamic enough to also be a standout at rightside as well.

ERIN SUTTON

The player who will tie together PRCC’s defensive efforts will likely be Sutton, a libero from

Lewisburg in North Mississippi.

“Erin is a tough, tough defensive player,” Chatham said. “She’s a great passer. I’ve watched her give her setter great balls over and over.”

Equally as impressive is Sutton’s motor.

“I’ve never seen her give up,” Chatham said. “She’ll be an asset for us in the back because it all starts with the first pass.”

ISABELLA THEONNES

The third Hancock Hawk to sign with Chatham will be pivotal in PRCC’s attack.

“Bella was the girl where every time we scouted Hancock we knew we had to figure out a way to defend her,” Chatham said.



Haley Chatham

“She’s a powerful hitter who can jump out of the gym and put the ball down.”

Like several of her new teammates, Theonnes is also versatile. In addition to playing outside hitter, Theonnes also has plenty of experience at middle blocker.

Chatham expects to fill out the rest of PRCC’s inaugural signing class throughout the remainder of the spring semester.

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Pass sweeps PRC, OLA stumbles against Sacred Heart

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The area high school soccer season will play the regular season through January 25th before the first round of the state playoffs begin in earnest on January 29th.

Several area teams are still alive for one of the top two spots in each of the respective divisions.

The Bay High Tigers (9-8-2, 3-0) dropped their game with Resurrection 3-1 while the Lady Tigers (10-5-2, 3-0) defeated Resurrection 2-0.

The Pass Christian Pirates (8-2-1, 1-2) beat PRC 4-0 and the Lady Pirates (2-5-5, 0-1) defeated PRC 5-1.

The Hancock Hawks (6-8-1, 1-3) dropped their game with Gulfport 8-0 and the Lady Hawks (10-4-1, 2-2) also lost to the Lady Admirals 6-1.

The OLA Crescents (6-6-1, 2-2) dropped a division game to Sacred Heart 3-1 after being knotted 1-1 at intermission.

It was a game of back and forth all night until

Sacred Heart scored their second goal in the middle of the second half. With a few minutes left in the game, OLA pushed everyone forward and had a chance with a corner kick but the kick was off mark and the ball bounced out leaving a Sacred Heart forward one-on-one with the goalie for the final score.

OLA head coach Shane Kowalski commented, “This was a game that got away from us. We had our chances throughout the game to finish on opportunities and we just did not get the ball in the back of the net. Hopefully, we will get another chance at them in the playoffs.”

Aubrey Wawrek scored the lone goal for OLA in the first half.

The Rocks did not play on Tuesday.

In upcoming action, Bay High travels to Hancock on Tuesday, January 15th while the Lady Tigers host Hancock. The Hancock Hawks will host Bay High on Tuesday and the Lady Hawks will host Bay High. The Tigers turn around and travel to Long Beach on Friday,

January 18th while the Lady Tigers travel to Ocean Springs. Hancock hosts Biloxi on Friday.

The Crescents travel to St. Patrick on Tuesday and host Long Beach on Friday. The Pirates travel to Harrison Central on Tuesday before a Friday matchup with SSC at home. The Rocks are set to travel to Bay High on Tuesday and Pass Christian on Friday.

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Students learn Fish Cleaning 101

It's not very often you get to clean fish AT SCHOOL!!! This week I got an invite to assist Mr Daren Houcks 5th grade Social Studies class, at Coast Episcopal School(CES) in Pass Christian. The class is learning about early settlers, and how they survived. A huge part of their survival was catching, cleaning, and eating fish.

Tuesday, I was able to catch about a dozen small black drum, along with one large one. All of the fish were caught on dead shrimp, on bottom rigs, at Taylor Reef. I kept the big drum to be the "how to" cleaning guide for the smaller fish. Luckily, we had some heavy hitter CES Dads on hand to help. Kennon McWilliams owns Sunset Landing Boat Storage in Pass Christin, and is an avid fisherman. Capt Eli Underhill owns and works a fleet of fishing boats in Sitka, Alaska. My daughter Margot even got special permission to leave her 3rd grade class to assist us on Wednesday afternoon.

I know the majority of the 5th graders, and or their parents. Several of them have been with me on



SHORE THING FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Sonny Schindler

charters, with their families and friends. The overwhelming majority of the kids address me as "Margot's Dad", and I really enjoy that title. It helped that they knew me, and the other knife wielding Dads. It eased the tension, because this was many of their first times to clean a fish. Truth be told, they made an absolute mess of things, but we could not have been anymore proud of these young go getters.

Drum are a rather difficult fish to clean. What the kids lacked in ability, they sure made up for in sheer determination. These boys and girls were absolutely fearless. Most of my instructions were telling them to slow down, and to take their time. After a little coaching, and some kind words, they all improved their technique drastically.

Their cleaned fillets were seasoned with lemon, butter, rosemary, wrapped in foil and then placed on the grill. Mr Houck assisted his 5th Graders with the food prep and cooking. I mean how freaking cool is that? Cleaning fish in the middle of the school yard, cooking them and getting to eat them. I got to try a piece of the finished product, and it was absolutely delicious!!!

These are the days I will never ever forget, and I doubt these boys and girls will either. Sometimes you just gotta let them get dirty, and fail. Yes, it is terrifying giving a young kid a knife, and hoping for the best. However, with some close attention, and calm careful instructions, you might be surprised what this younger generation can do. They all want to learn, you



just have to be willing to teach them.

Hats off to the amazing folks at Coast Episcopal. Weaving fish cleaning into a social studies lesson, BRAVO!!! I promise all you 5th grade parents, that fishy smell will wash out of those uniforms. It will be much harder to get that smile off of their little faces. Big THANK YOU to the CES family, for letting me spend the afternoon with your amazing students. They all did a fantastic job!!!

As always, have fun and be safe.



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Krewe of Diamondhead Coronation Ball on the Nile



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DUKE AND MAID DARRYL AND JUDY DAVIS, DUKE AND MAID HENRY AND PENNY MAJORS, ALI'I HONUA XLIV KING RON AND QUEEN DINAH RHOADES, DUKE AND MAID JOHN AND RENEE KIRSCHENBAUM.

BY KATHRYN LARSEN, PUBLICITY
LIEUTENANT, KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD

It was a night of firsts for the Krewe of Diamondhead as Ali'i honua XLIV Ron Rhoades and Dinah Rhoades were crowned Saturday December 8, 2018. The evening opened with the Mistress of Ceremonies, Nicole Boisdore, who welcomed everyone and provided an update of the Krewe. Board members were recognized before the retiring reigning court appeared to say their fond farewells, thanking everyone for a wonderful reigning year. Once the current court arrived on the stage, the Royal Guard of Past Kings processed in and the Royal Scepters were retired. The moment arrived when the maids and duke elect entered the room, Maid Judy and Duke Darryl Davis entered first followed by Maid Penny and Duke Henry Majors, who were then followed by Maid Renee and Duke John Kirschenbaum where they took their places on the stage. Before the king and queen elect entered the ballroom, members were informed about a very special event taking place. Our queen elect is the Krewe's first legacy queen. Her parents Chuck and Till Garrison reigned king and queen over Diamondhead in 2003. We are honored that the wonderful family is continuing the tradition with the introduction of queen elect Dinah Rhoades, who was escorted by her father to the stage. Dinah wore her mother's coronation dress with grace and elegance befitting royalty. Next was the entrance of king elect Ali'i honua XLIV Ron Rhoades. Once seated on the stage, Reigning King Kevin and Queen Sara Schulze crowned our newly reigning king and queen. Sara and Kevin left the stage and immediately removed their crowns. Champagne toasts were offered by Captain Sandy Hatem and a proclamation was made by our new king Ron Rhoades. King Ron and Queen Dinah Rhoades exited the stage. Shortly thereafter, meals were served and dancing ensued for a wonderful night of celebration.



ALI'I HONUA XLIV KING RON AND QUEEN DINAH RHOADES.

Photo courtesy of Kathryn Larsen

Keep Hancock County Beautiful



Members of the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee on Wednesday met with officials from Keep Mississippi Beautiful to develop plans for 2019. Representatives include volunteers from Diamondhead, Clermont Harbor, Bay St. Louis and Hancock County. Waveland also has a beautification program. The mission of KAB is to inspire and educate Mississippians to take action every day to impact, improve and beautify their community environment.

STUFFING IT FROM A TO Z

BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING
WRITER

There are many things you can stuff. You can stuff things into the closet before your nosy in-laws come so they will not think your spouse married a slob. You can try to stuff yourself in an outfit that fit you perfectly before the holidays began. You can stuff your credit card bills under the couch cushions so your significant other will not find out how much you frequented the Amazon site last month. In addition, you can stuff a variety of food with tasty fillings. Today we will be focusing on the stuffing of food with more food.

Crab Stuffed Avocados
1 pound crabmeat, either lump or claw
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 green onions, thinly sliced, both white and green parts
Juice of two lemons, real lemons not those yellow plastic ones
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
3 ripe avocados
One half teaspoon salt
3 slices of bacon, fried crisp and crumbled, optional
Lettuce leaves, any kind except the ones that will kill you

Combine first six ingredients, reserving about one teaspoon of the lemon juice. Cover and chill at least one hour, but no longer than 24 hours. When ready to serve, Cut avocados in half, remove seeds, brush with reserved lemon juice, and sprinkle with salt. There is no need to peel the avocados. Evenly divide the chilled crab mixture and place into the avocado halves, top with the crumbled bacon, and serve on chilled plates lined with non-lethal lettuce leaves. Serves 6

Stuffed French Toast
1 loaf day old French bread
1 – 8 ounce package of cream cheese, softened
1 cup orange marmalade or pineapple preserves

5 large eggs
2 cups half and half
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
One half teaspoon ground cinnamon
4 ounces butter
One fourth cup cooking oil
Cut French bread into 1 and a half inch slices, you should get ten to twelve slices. Place the slices on their sides and cut each slice about 75 percent through, careful not to cut it all the way through. Combine the marmalade or preserves with the cream cheese. Mix well. Spread the mixture into the prepared slits of the French bread. Whisk together the eggs, half and half, sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour mixture into a 13x9 inch pan. Place as many of the stuffed bread slices as you can into the egg/ milk mixture, let set for 30 seconds, then turn and let set for another 30 seconds. Repeat until all bread is used. In a large skillet, over medium heat, melt one fourth the butter in one fourth of the cooking oil. Place the prepared bread slices in the skillet and cook about three minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Replenish oil and butter when needed. Keep warm in a 250 degree oven until all bread has been toasted. Serve warm with butter, syrup, or powdered sugar. Serves 5 to 6

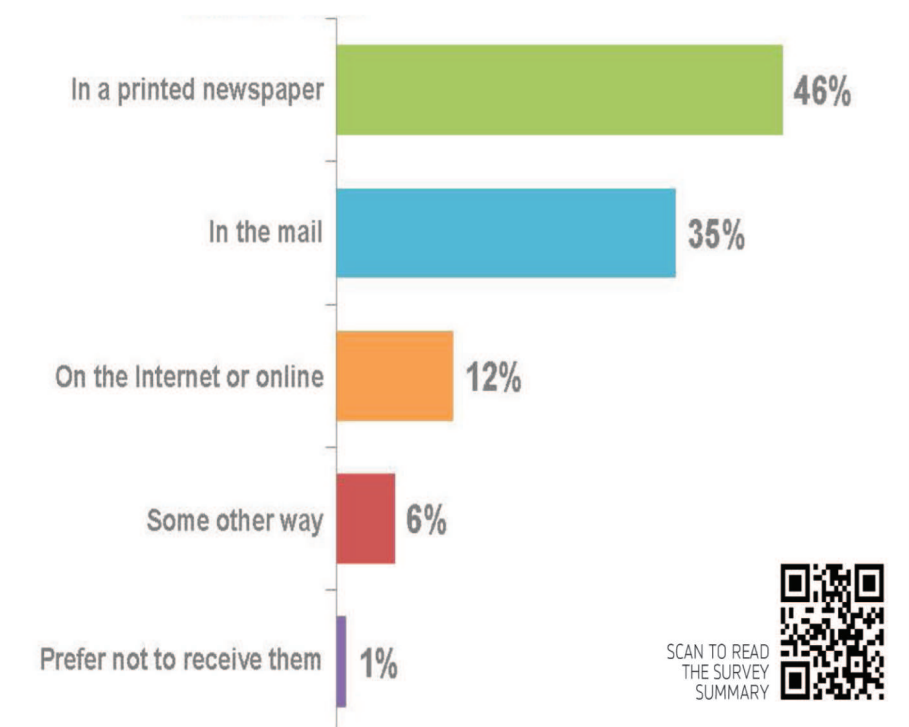
Stuffed Pork Chops
6 rib pork chops cut between 1 and a half to 2 inches thick
1 teaspoon Creole seasoning
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 rib celery, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley
One half cup chicken stock
2 cups corn bread crumbs
1 large egg, beaten
Salt and pepper to taste
Cut a generous pocket into each pork chop, careful not to cut all the way through. Evenly sprinkle the chops with the Creole seasoning. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet and

just brown the chops for about 2 minutes on each side. Remove from skillet and set aside. Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees. Sauté the onion and celery in the pan juices for about 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in the chicken stock and parsley, bring to a boil and add the cornbread crumbs to the liquid, stir in the egg. Let the mixture cook for another minute or two. Check for seasoning, add salt and pepper if needed. Stuff cornbread mixture into prepared pork chops. Place stuffed chops into a greased baking dish and bake uncovered for about 45 minutes. Serves 6

Stuffed Zucchini
6 medium zucchini
1 tablespoon olive oil
One pound Italian sausage, sweet or hot, casing removed
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 eight ounce can tomato sauce
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, not that sand in the green container.
Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Wash zucchini and cut a thin strip off the top. Carefully scoop out the pulp leaving about a quarter inch shell. Chop the pulp and set aside. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add the olive and sausage. Brown and break up the sausage. Add the chopped zucchini pulp, onion, bell pepper, garlic, and Italian seasoning. Cook and stir until vegetables are soft. Add the tomato sauce along with half of the grated Parmesan cheese. Stir and remove from heat. Scoop the sausage mixture into the prepared zucchini shells. Place zucchini shells into a baking dish coated with olive oil. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered for 10 additional minutes. Serves 6

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The Community CALENDAR



January 15

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January 17

• The Hancock/Harrison County Forestry and Wildlife Association will host its annual meeting on January 17 at the Lyman Community Center located at 13742 Hwy. 49 North in Gulfport (located just north of Tractor Supply). Mr. Butch Bailey, Forestry Specialist with Mississippi State University Extension, will be speaking on the 'Future of Forestry'. The costs for the program is \$10 Individual, \$20 Individual Membership, or \$30 Couples Membership. Registration for the program begins at 5:30 PM with the program beginning at 6:00 PM with a meal provided. Pre-registration is required by January 11 by contacting Tim Ray at Harrison County Extension at 228-865-4227 or email tim.ray@msstate.edu.

January 18

• A benefit concert with featured artist The Kingsmen and Gold City Quartets will be held at 7 p.m. at the Heritage United Methodist Church, located at Hwy. 98 west in Hattiesburg. Tickets on sale now. Advance ticket cost: Artist circle \$25 each General admission \$20 each - Groups of 10 or more \$18 each. Order tickets by phone at 601-261-3371 or online at www.itickets.com. Tickets available at the Heritage UMC office (Mon.-Thur. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.) For information, call the church office at 601-261-3371. All proceeds go to R3SM (Recovery, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi) who coordinates restoration, rebuilding, and disaster recovery services to low-income families and individuals living in Mississippi's Pinebelt. Seating is limited.

• The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will open the hilarious comedy, "Farce of Habit" on January 18th. Comic fireworks explode in the absurdly funny Southern-fried romp that takes us to the Reel 'Em Inn, the finest little fishing lodge in the Ozarks. Laughs throughout the show! Show dates and times are January 18, 19,

25, 26 at 8pm; and January 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets for the show can be purchased online at www.bsllt.org or purchased at Lulu's at 126 Main Street or Twin Light Creations at 136 Main Street. Seat reservations can be made by calling 228-467-9024 or email the Little Theatre. Reservations for seats are recommended for all audience members. The Little Theatre accepts check or cash when paying for tickets at the door.

January 19

• Children's Sign Language Workshop at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to communicate with the non-hearing or nonverbal person? Learn basic ASL signs to communicate with others. In this workshop with Kim Johnson kids will learn some basics of sign language such as "What is your name?" "My name is..." "Want to play?" "Do you need help?" and more. Each child will receive handouts to help them remember what they have just learned. Refreshments and snacks served. \$2 per member child; non-member \$4. Must be accompanied by parent/guardian (adults, no charge). For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

January 22

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January 26

• The 2019 Relay for Life Campaign kicks off in Hancock County with Dancing with the Relay Stars at the Hollywood Casino. Cash bar and silent auction opens at 5 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Competition starts at 7 p.m. followed by general dancing and party. The cost per ticket is \$75 per person and \$700 for a table of 10. Contact Bernie Cullen at tebbcullen@yahoo.com for ticket purchases.

• Forge Day at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for this exciting day of demonstrations by area metalworkers and craftsmen. Learn techniques and tips to get started in metalworking and try your

hand at the forge, exhibitors permitting. (signed waiver form required prior to participation.) Browse items by craftsmen for purchase. Members Free, non members \$5, non member children \$2. Senior/Military \$4. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

January 28

• Holy Trinity will host a New Student Open House on from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the school campus. Holy Trinity is a Catholic elementary school for children ages 2 through 6th grade. Our nurturing classroom atmosphere offers a quality education instilled in Catholic traditions and strong academics. Students are provided the opportunity to attend weekly Mass, as well as monthly Adoration in the school Chapel. We also offer Before and After-Care; weekly Art, Music, PE, Library, and Computer classes; bus service to Diamondhead; and a special resource instructor to support student learning. Please join us for a tour of our campus, and see why for over 50 years, our school has been committed to teaching and modeling Catholic Christian morals and values, while creating a safe, caring, and respectful environment that supports academic excellence and a love of learning based on Catholic traditions. For more information, please contact the school office at 228-467-5158. We are located directly behind Our Lady Academy and across the street from St. Stanislaus on 301 S. Second Street, Bay St. Louis.

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February 2

• Flower Planting Project: Children's Workshop at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 11 a.m. to noon. Children will enjoy this program with Master Gardener Amy Nichols. "Ms. Flora" will read them a story and teach them about the parts of a flower. For the Sunflower Planting Project, the will plant seeds and making their very own mini-greenhouse to take home. Members' children \$2; non-member children \$4. Must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for

adults). For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

February 9

• Children's Great Backyard Bird Count and Build a Bird Feeder at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a fun and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Children and their parents will learn how to prepare for participating in this annual citizen-science activity that takes place over Presidents Day weekend. They will also build a bird feeder to attract birds to their backyards. Members' children \$2, non-members' children \$4. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults). For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

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February 23

• Maintaining Home Landscapes at the Crosby

Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 to 11 a.m. Improve your home landscape and retain or even increase its property value through regular maintenance and proper care, with Pearl River County Extension Agent Dr. Eddie Smith, Learn how to maintain a variety of popular landscape plants, recognize various diseases, pests, nutrient deficiencies, how to prepare your landscapes for changing seasons, and how to adapt your maintenance practices to a maturing landscape. Members \$3; non-members, \$5. Reservations requested. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

• Native Plant Field Walk at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 1 to 2 p.m. Join Arboretum director Pat Drackett on a field walk to explore plants in the winter landscapes. On

our journey we will discuss native plants for the winter garden and their landscape uses, as well as those having a high wildlife value. Bring your camera and dress for walking. Members free; non-members \$5. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

May 4

• The Relay for Life event will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Hollywood Casino. Learn more at www.relayforlife.org/hancockms.

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Miss. Organ Recovery Agency scholarship application now open

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Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA)'s 2019 scholarship application process is now open. MORA will present \$6,500 in scholarships in May to high school seniors who demonstrate an understanding of the need for organ, eye and tissue donation in Mississippi and across the country.

In 2018, a record number of applicants (271) from a record number of high schools (117) applied for one of the eleven \$500 scholarships and the \$1,000 Annie Lucious Gift of Life scholarship that were awarded.

Seniors applying for the MORA scholarships must meet certain criteria. First, they must be a graduating senior from an accredited Mississippi high school.

Those seniors must also have been accepted by a community college or university in Mississippi, or have intentions of 2019 fall enrollment. They must also

have a grade point average of 2.5 or above, include two letters of recommendation one from a teacher and one from an adult of the student's choice. They also need to include an essay of 300 to a maximum of 750 words about how they or their family has been affected by donation or transplantation, why they are or want to be a registered donor or the importance of encouraging others to be donors.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the scholarship application, contact Susan Bonds, Community Outreach Coordinator, at sbonds@msora.org or at 662-841-1960. You can also obtain a copy of the scholarship application at www.msora.org.

The deadline for the application is Monday, February 11, 2019. Send to: Susan Bonds, Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency, Midtown Pointe, 499 Gloster Creek, Suite F, Tupelo, MS 38801

A **NEED** is something you must have in order to survive. You need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes medicine.

A **WANT** is something you would like to have, but can live without. A music player, computer, television and bike are wants not needs.

Wants and Needs

Just like people, raccoons have things they need to survive. Raccoons that live in the wild also like things they don't need to survive. Some of these "wants" can be dangerous to a raccoon.

This raccoon **needs** fruit. But he **wants** candy, which isn't good for him.

Look at each picture next to the raccoon. Write the word **NEED** next to each picture that shows something a raccoon needs to survive.

Write the word **WANT** next to each picture that shows something a raccoon might want, but not need.

Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.



Are raccoon hands like human hands?



Write the word **thumb** or **thumbs** in each of the blanks below to learn about raccoon and human hands.

You have an **opposable** _____ on each of your hands. What does that mean?

Take a look at your hand. You can move your _____ around and touch all of the other fingertips with it. This makes it possible for you to grab things, use tools and even hold a pencil to write.

Raccoons have _____, but they are not opposable _____.

Raccoons can move their _____ to the center of their palm and to their pinky finger. They can't touch their other fingers with their _____. Because of this, they do not have opposable _____.

Opposable comes from the word **opposite**. Your _____ can be placed in the opposite direction to your fingers, allowing you to hold things.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students correctly use singular or plural nouns.

Raccoon Shelter

Shelter is a **need**. Raccoons prefer living in wooded areas where they make their homes or dens in the hollow parts of trees as well as abandoned burrows. Why do you think a raccoon would like its home to be in a hollow up high in a tree?

Today, raccoons also can be found in areas where people live. They sometimes make their homes in man-made structures like attics, sewers, barns and sheds.

Circle every other letter to reveal another raccoon need.

VWBAKTLENR

Help this little raccoon find its way home.

Good Food for Raccoons

Raccoons like to eat lots of different foods. Healthy food is a **need**. Are there foods that could be a **want** instead of a **need**?

While all animals need food to survive, raccoons will eat food that is healthy and good for them. But they will also look for and eat food that is bad for them. If they fill up on food that is not healthy, they can become sick and weak.

Unscramble the letters to spell each kind of food that is good for raccoons.



TNUS and DESES



ROMSW



GESG



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GSOFR



RESBRIE



DRISB

Wants and Needs Search

Look through today's newspaper and circle things that humans **need** to survive in green. Underline things that could be called **wants** in red.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Raccoon Code

Use the code and discover these raccoon facts!



RACCOON SECRET CODE

26 = A 13 = N
25 = B 12 = O
24 = C 11 = P
23 = D 10 = Q
22 = E 9 = R
21 = F 8 = S
20 = G 7 = T
19 = H 6 = U
18 = I 5 = V
17 = J 4 = W
16 = K 3 = X
15 = L 2 = Y
14 = M 1 = Z

A group of raccoons is called a

N **U** **9** **8** **22** **9** **2**

Raccoons are nocturnal, meaning they are mostly active at

13 **18** **20** **19** **7**

Raccoons eat plants and animals. They are

12 **14** **13** **18** **5** **12** **9** **12** **6** **8**

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

RACCOON
SURVIVE
SHELTER
HEALTHY
BURROWS
WATER
BARN
FROGS
WANT
NEED
BIKE
WILD
DENS
SAFE
FOOD

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

W R E T L E H S A E
N E N T S A N W K H
S A F S U R V I V E
W N D A N A B L E A
O A E E S C D D S L
R A T D R C N E D T
R I F E O O F E E H
U R E F R O G S E Y
B A R N S N F N T D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Raccoon Habitat Ad

Look at the house for sale or rent ads in the newspaper. Rewrite an ad as if you were selling or renting a home for a raccoon. Be sure to include how the home meets a raccoons wants and needs.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What did the beaver say to the tree?

ANSWER: "It's been nice gnawing you!"

Write On!

What's the Difference?

What is the difference between *want* and *need*? Give examples.

DEVOTIONAL PAGE

HOW DO PEOPLE PERCEIVE YOU DURING ANY GIVEN TIME?

BY GARY ANDREWS
GARY@GADEVOTIONALS.COM

Lord, so far today I've not been grumpy, selfish, greedy, envious, proud, or angry. I'm really pleased about that. But in a few minutes now I'm going to get up, and from then on, I'll probably need a lot more help.

This humorous saying has a lot of truth in it. Even though we think about it and laugh at it, we may need to take it to heart and do what it says. How many of us really start our day talking with the Lord and asking Him for guidance?

Being in the workplace for many years dealing with employees and the public you hear all kind of statements about people and you have to wonder how you are to approach them. I am sure that the many employees that worked with me have told others to be on the lookout for me, especially if I had just encountered an upset customer or was just having a bad day. I do know on occasions that certain employees have been told to avoid me, especially if something was on my mind.

I simply couldn't imagine anyone saying that about me. In my mind I am probably the easiest person to get along with or be around. I am simply amazed when my wife tells me this is not true. There are many in this world just the same as I am. My management skills have always been to be direct and not dance around a situation when it needs to be handled and most people, especially employees, don't want to hear the truth.

My wife tells me, that on occasions, I come across in an abrupt way when talking to my children or to her and these are the people I would never hurt. The way I perceive words and sayings I utter, are sometimes misinterpreted by others. My intent was never to be snippy or short however the manner in which I have

said them comes across that way. I am not the only one that has this problem. There are many people in this world that should repeat this prayer, "Oh Lord, help me to keep my big mouth shut until I know what I am talking about." Oh, there are so many times I wish I had kept my mouth shut until I thought about what I was saying. Ira Gassen once said, "Be careful of your thoughts; they may become words at any moment."

Our actions are also noticed by everyone around us. The way we act, treat people, or the way we handle problems are going to be noticeable to a lot of people. What does this say about our Christian witness? All of this can be taken care of if we will allow the Lord to guide us in all that we do and how we talk with people. Proverbs 15:23 says, "The right word at the right time – beautiful!" I remember working with a man several years back and he told me how he handled all of his problems. Each morning he would get out of bed and go look at himself in the mirror, moan and groan at himself and imagine anything wrong that could happen that day. He would then look in the mirror again and say, "Now that all of my problems are out of the way I am going to have a good day with the Lord's help." I have to say he was always a cheery sole and never spoke negatively about anyone. He was a very generous and giving person. It is my hope that all of us can look in our mirror and make up our mind that today is going to be a good day and no one is going to ruin it for me and I am not going to ruin anyone's day either. This is the day the Lord has made and I am going to rejoice in it.

SUGGESTED DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

MONDAY
Hosea 13:1

TUESDAY
Philippians 1:2-11

WEDNESDAY
Habakkuk 1:1-4

THURSDAY
1 Peter 5:2-5

FRIDAY
Psalm 106:3

SATURDAY
James 1:2-8

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CAUSE NO.: 18-CV-631-JP
SUMMONS
(SERVICE BY PUBLICATION: RESIDENT UNKNOWN)

TO: UNKNOWN CREDITORS, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS AND ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY CO-PETITIONERS, SONYA M. EDMONDSON AND HARRY J. FARVE.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST SAID PETITION TO ESTABLISH HEIRS AND CREDITORS ON A DATE CERTAIN SET BY FIAT, AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2019, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HARRISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, MISSISSIPPI, LOCATED AT 1801 23RD AVE., GULFPORT, MS, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

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ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF COURT THIS, THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES GLEN PETERS AHMAD PETERS PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. 23CH118-CV-416-CB
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JAMES GLEN PETERS, DECEASED

You have been made a defendant in the Petition filed in this Court by Petitioner, Ahmad Peters, seeking determination of the identity of the heirs of James Glen Peters, deceased. The known heirs-at-law of James Glen Peters, deceased in this action are: Diana Curry, daughter; Maria Peters Jackson, daughter; James Peters, Jr., son; Ahmad Peters; son; and Ardell Peters, spouse.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 28th day of February, 2019, in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Harrison County located at 1801 23rd Ave., Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 10th day of January, 2019.

(SEAL)

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CAUSE NO. 23CH118-CV-00658-CB
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF PATSY WHIDDON, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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CAUSE NO.: 18-CV-631-JP
SUMMONS
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Choose carefully when buying vacation plans

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STARKVILLE, Miss. -- Wet and ugly winter weather sends many Mississippians looking for a vacation, and timeshare or interval plans can be the ticket with careful planning.

An interval vacation plan allows a person to buy a vacation stay measured by a set number of days and nights of annual use. The more commonly known timeshare is a method of shared ownership of vacation real estate where purchasers acquire a period of time in a vacation accommodation.

The Federal Trade Commission named timeshare scams as one of the top frauds of 2017, the most recent year for which such data is available. That makes this illegal activity one of the largest threats to travel security in the U.S.

Susan Cosgrove, family resource management Extension associate with the Mississippi State University Extension Service, said both legitimate timeshare and interval plans can be efficient ways to vacation when used well.

"You hear nightmare stories about timeshares, but those who know how to plan ahead and work with these will tell you it's the best, most efficient thing ever," Cosgrove said.

She said timeshare owners understand that this vacation plan is not a financial investment. When considering purchasing a vacation property, rent it first to try it before buying. "You must fully understand how a timeshare works and what your goals are before buying into a timeshare plan," Cosgrove said. "It is wise to research and learn as much as possible prior to purchasing a timeshare or even renting one."

The choice to buy into an interval vacation or a timeshare is important. A key question to settle is



TIMESHARE PROPERTIES CAN OFFER GREAT VACATION OPPORTUNITIES, BUT SOME CRIMINALS USE THIS SYSTEM TO DEFRAUD UNSUSPECTING BUYERS. Photo by MSU Extension Service/Kevin Hudson

how long will the property be kept.

Other factors to consider include fees, maintenance issues, property taxes and the payment process. "Before buying a timeshare or interval vacation, compare these costs to renting similar accommodations in the same location for the same time period without an ownership stake," Cosgrove said.

Be sure to read the fine print when considering a vacation purchase, and get expert advice from someone who is knowledgeable

about contracts and real estate.

Unfortunately, those interested in buying or selling a timeshare property must be careful to avoid fraud. Cosgrove said criminals target resale most frequently when attempting to defraud buyers. "Seniors are often targets because of their disposable income, the fact that they are often more trusting and know less about how to handle a scam," she said. "Look out for red flags such as contact you did not initiate, outlandish promises, upfront fees and

emotional tactics that make you feel manipulated."

When preparing to sell a timeshare, the FTC website urges consumers to check out the reseller. "Contact the State Attorney General and local consumer protection agencies in the state where the reseller is located. Ask if they have any complaints on file," the FTC warns online. Ask about fees, as it is better to do business with a reseller that takes fees after the timeshare is sold. Get everything in writing.

Read the contract carefully to make sure it matches verbal promises. Do not sign the contract if the deal is not what is expected.

Once the vacation property decision has been made, create a spending plan for the time.

"Get input from the family or household when creating a vacation spending plan," Cosgrove said. "Plan for all meals, recreational activities, shopping and more. Research special discounts to make sure they are legitimate. All of this will help you

avoid spending traps and allow your budget to cover the entire vacation expenses."



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